

**Listing of Claims:**

1.-17. (canceled)

18. (Cancel)

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The drive system of claim 18 wherein~~ A drive system for a tracked vehicle having an internal combustion engine with a crankshaft aligned transversely to a direction of travel, the system comprising:

a steering drive;

a differential transmission having at least one traction drive element, at least one steering drive element, and a pair of drive outputs for a drive axle aligned parallel to the crankshaft;

a steering drive connection connecting the steering drive to at least one said steering drive element; and

a further drive element for transmitting power from said internal combustion engine to said at least one traction drive element, said further drive element being arranged in line with said internal combustion engine, transversely to the direction of travel,

wherein the further drive element comprises a first change speed gearbox having at least two selectable gear stages.

20. (Previously Presented) The drive system of claim 19 further comprising a hydrodynamic torque converter arranged between the internal combustion engine and the change speed gearbox.

21. (Previously Presented) The drive system of claim 19 further comprising a second change speed gearbox having at least two selectable gear stages, said second change speed gearbox being arranged in line with said first change speed gearbox and said internal combustion engine, parallel to said drive axle.

22. (Previously Presented) The drive system of claim 19 comprising a further change speed gearbox arranged on the drive axle and having at least two selectable gear stages.

23. (Currently Amended) The drive system of claim ~~18~~ 19 further comprising a generator driven by said internal combustion engine.

24. (Currently Amended) The drive system of claim 23 wherein the generator is arranged on the crankshaft between the internal combustion engine and the further drive element.

25. (Previously Presented) The drive system of claim ~~18~~ 19 wherein the further drive element is an electric traction motor.

26. (Previously Presented) The drive system of claim 25 further comprising a change speed gearbox provided between the electric traction motor and the traction drive element, said change speed gearbox having at least two selectable gear stages.

27. (Previously Presented) The drive system of claim 25 wherein the steering drive comprises an electric steering motor.

28. (Previously Presented) The drive system of claim 27 wherein at least one of said electric traction motor and said electric steering motor comprises two independent current circuits.

29. (Currently Amended) The drive system of claim ~~18~~ 19 further comprising a retarder on at least one said traction drive element.

30. (Previously Presented) The drive system of claim 25 wherein at least one of said electric traction motor and said electric steering motor comprises two independent electric motors.

31. (Currently Amended) The drive system of claim ~~18~~ 19 further comprising a pair of brakes arranged on respective drive outputs.

32. (Previously Presented) The drive system of claim 30 further comprising lateral intermediate transmissions on the drive outputs, the brakes being arranged in the lateral intermediate transmissions.

33. (Currently Amended) The drive system of claim ~~18~~ 19 further comprising a transfer gearbox which transmits drive power from said further drive element to said differential transmission.

34. (Previously Presented) The drive system of claim 33 wherein the transfer gearbox has at least two selectable gear stages.